ment, sale and disposition of their properties, also to buy, sell, improve and develop real estate.

Sec. 9. And be it enacted, That in all cases where an application shall be made to any court or orphans' court having jurisdic- Court may tion for the appointment of a guardian of the estate of an infant appoint or lunatic, the said court shall have power to appoint said company as guardian or committee of the estate of such infant or lunatic upon application on behalf of said parties.

Sec. 10. And be it enacted, That said company is authorized and shall have discretionary power to invest at its pleasure, moneys received in trust, on deposit loaned, or otherwise; that it to invest. is authorized to take, have, hold and enjoy all such estate, real, personal and mixed, as may be obtained with the moneys aforesaid, and also with any, every and all other funds that may come into its possession in course of its business dealings, and the same may sell, grant, mortgage, lease and dispose of in its discretion, and execute, acknowledge and deliver all deeds or other papers and instruments conveying the same.

SEC. 11. And be it enacted, That the said company shall be and is hereby authorized and empowered to insure the fidelity of persons holding places of trust or responsibility of any State, corporation, company, person or persons whatsoever, to endorse for and enter security and become security for the faithful performance of any trust, office, duty, contract or agreement, and to supersede any judgment, or to go upon any bond to appeal from any order, judgment or decree of any court of record, and it is further To insure authorized to become sole surety in all cases where by law two or fidelity, to authorized to become sole surety in all cases where by law two or more sureties are required for the faithful performance of any trust or office, and it shall be lawful for any court to approve said company as sole surety in all such cases, and in every such case the capital stock of said company shall be taken and considered as sufficient security therefor, but in such cases the officers and affairs of said company shall be subject to an examination, and its property and effects liable as aforesaid; and it shall be lawful for said company to stipulate and provide for indemnity from the parties aforesaid for whom it shall so become responsible, and to enforce any bond, contract, agreement, pledge or other security made or given for that purpose.

SEC. 12. And be it enacted, That said company shall have power to guarantee, endorse and secure the payments and punctual performance and collection of notes, debts, bills of exchange, con- To endorse tracts, bonds, accounts, claims, rents, annuities, mortgages, choses in action, evidences of debt, certificates of property or value, checks and the title to property, indebtedness of individuals, of companies, partnerships, loans of States, cities, counties and municipalities on such terms or commissions as may be agreed upon or established by said company and the parties dealing therewith.